UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
GENERAL

A/45/931
18 January 1991
ENGLISH
ORIGINAL: ENGLISH AND FRENCH

Forty-fifth session
Agenda items 35 and 153

THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

IRAQI AGGRESSION AND THE CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF KUWAIT IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Letter dated 17 January 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith, in English and French, the declaration on the Gulf question which was issued today by the European Community and its 12 member States (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 35 and 153.

(Signed) Jean FEYDER
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Declaration on the Gulf conflict

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Twelve and the Commission, assembled in meeting in Paris, express their deep regret that use of force was necessary to force Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait and, in order to re-establish international legality. It falls upon the Iraqi authorities only to stop the conflict which has just broken out by complying with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations.

The European Community and its member States have spared no effort to allow for a peaceful solution. These efforts as well as those undertaken by other members of the international community, including Arab countries as well as by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, have met no reaction whatsoever from the part of Saddam Hussein.

Under the present circumstances, the Community and its member States reiterate their firm support of the objectives contained in the relevant resolutions of the Security Council. They express their solidarity, in accordance with these resolutions, with those member States and other members of the international community the forces of which are involved in the re-establishment of legality.

They express their hope that the conflict, which just begun, will be of a short duration. To this end, they strongly urge the Iraqi leadership to withdraw immediately and fully its forces out of Kuwait, thus avoiding further victims and destruction.

Deeply attached to the universal values of the Charter of the United Nations, the Community and its member States reaffirm their commitment to contribute actively, once international legality is re-established, to assure, in dignity and security, a future of peace, stability and development in a framework of social justice and solidarity, for all the peoples of the region. The Iraqi aggression against another Arab State cannot jeopardize the traditional links of friendship between the Community and the Arab countries.

To this effect, they will develop a global approach towards the region through a renewed Mediterranean policy, a relaunched Euro-Arab dialogue and a reinforced co-operation with all the Gulf Co-operation Council and the Arab Maghreb Union and all countries concerned of the region. They pronounce themselves for increased stability based on principles of security and co-operation. In this context, they count on the aid of the wealthiest countries of the region.

The Community and its member States renew their full commitment for the convening of an international peace Conference on the Middle East, at an appropriate moment. It is evident that this Conference shall need a serious preparation.

As an immediate issue, the Commission will rapidly implement humanitarian assistance programmes in favour of all victims of the Gulf war. Furthermore, the Commission will implement financial assistance to the countries most affected by the applications of the embargo against Iraq.